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**Beneficiary of U.S.-Exchange Programs to Leave Soon**

**Port Louis, August 8, 2014:** The teacher goes back to school! English educator Brinda Hurnauth was selected for the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, a one-year exchange program funded by the U.S. Department of State. She will depart for the U.S. next week and attend Pennsylvania State University. Her field of study will be "Teaching English as a Foreign Language".

Brinda Hurnauth, aged 34, joined the Mahatma Gandhi Institute in January 2003, where she teaches English Language and Literature and is currently head of the English Department. Her duties include the review, planning and implementation of short-term and long-term teaching strategies for the Institute.

Holder of a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in English from the University of Mauritius, Brinda Hurnauth also has an E-Teacher Certificate in Critical Thinking from the University of Oregon. Brinda Hurnauth that the world today revolves around communication, networks, technology and the English language. *"Working in the education sector, my aim has been to align learning experiences, in the classroom and my own with my vision of the world. I value human interaction and would like to go more towards combining teaching, 'people' management and developing skills and self. I believe that constant learning is essential in this fast-evolving and performance-driven world and this is one of the major reasons I seize all opportunity that comes on the way for me to learn and grow...to become a better user of the English language, a better professional, a better human being."*

Her hobbies include photography, reading, writing, arts and design, badminton, music, and cultural exchanges.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides ten months of non-degree academic study and related professional experiences in the United States. Humphrey fellows are selected based on their potential for leadership and their commitment to public service. Mauritius has over twenty Humphrey fellows.

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